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SUBJECT: U.S.-EGYPT JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL

1. THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE U.S.-EGYPT JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL PLANNING CAIRO MEETINGS OCTOBER 12-14 AND REQUESTS BRIEFING FOR U.S. DELEGATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2:00 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. PLEASE ADVISE AVAILABILITY OF AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY STAFF.

2. THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL HOLD OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND RECEPTIONS AT MERIDIEN LE CAIRE HOTEL.

3. ATTENDEES HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

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4. THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS ASKED THAT THE U.S.

GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING BRIEFING PAPERS FOR CAIRO MEETINGS.

- A. EGYPT'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK.
- B. EGYPT'S LONG RANGE GOALS.
- C. RECENT EGYPTIAN LEGISLATION AND MEASURES AFFECTING FOREIGN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.
- D. EXCHANGE RATE PROBLEMS.
- E. UNCERTAINTY OVER PROFIT REPATRIATION.
- F. EGYPT'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVE POSITION.

- G. EX-IM BANK INVOLVEMENT IN EGYPT.
- H. OPIC PROGRAMS IN EGYPT.
- I. U.S. AID PROGRAM.
- J. U.S.-EGYPT JOINT COOPERATION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES.

MAY WE HAVE YOUR REACTION TO AND COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE TOPICS.

5. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING: US CHAMBER EXPECTS CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA BY EGYPTIANS BUT NOT YET RECEIVED.

OCT. 12, 2:00 P.M. - BRIEFING FOR US DELEGATION CONDUCTED

..... BY AMBASSADOR EILTS AND HIS STAFF.

.....3:30 P.M. - U.S. DELEGATION CAUCUS.

.....7:30 P.M. - RECEPTION.

.....8:30 P.M. - INAUGURAL DINNER.

OCT. 13, 9:00 A.M. - OPENING REMARKS -- DISCUSS AND

..... ADOPT OPERATINGPRINCIPLES OF JOINT

..... BUSINESS COUNCIL AND DEFINE BROAD

..... OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL.

.....10:00 A.M. - ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES OF EGYPT AND

..... THE UNITED STATES.

.....12:30 P.M. - LUNCHEON.

..... 2:30 P.M. - EGYPT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

..... 7:30 P.M. - RECEPTION AND DINNER WITH SELECTED

..... REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOE.

OCT. 14, 9:00 A.M. - THE ROLE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

.....11:15 A.M. - CONCLUSION -- DISCUSS AND ADOPT

..... COUNCIL'S FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK,

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..... SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING, AND A

..... JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

.....12:00 NOON - LUNCHEON AND CLOSING REMARKS.

6. U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVES, JOHN CALDWELL, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS RELATIONS AND JOHN BREWER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS PLANNING VISIT TO CAIRO

SEPTEMBER 18-22. WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH EMBASSY STAFF
TO DISCUSS OCTOBER MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS.
PLEASE ADVISE. ROBINSON

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